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**BAGHDAD** – Coalition aircraft conducted a precision strike on a house in Basra Wednesday, killing two criminals.

While conducting operations in support of Iraqi Security Forces, Coalition forces were attacked with small-arms fire by two criminals on a rooftop. The ground force called in supporting aircraft to engage the individuals. An F/A-18 carried out a precision airstrike on the house, and Coalition forces on site confirmed that two enemy were killed in the airstrike.

Coalition forces are unaware of any civilians killed in the strike but are currently looking into the matter.

"Coalition forces continue to provide tactical overwatch with intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platforms, and support aircraft, on an as-requested basis from Iraqi Security Forces in Basra," said Cmdr. Scott Rye, MNF-I spokesman. "We go to extraordinary measures to ensure the safety of civilians when conducting operations, unlike criminal elements, who consistently put innocent civilians at risk."

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